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Appendix X.

[Vide item III (1) at page 46 supra]

L.A. BILL No. 9 OF 1937.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill to provide for the removal of civil disabilities among certain classes of Hindus.

Whereas it is increasingly felt by the Hindu community that the disabilities, which are imposed by social custom and usage on certain classes of Hindus commonly known as Harijans, Untouchables, or Depressed Classes, and which have been in certain matters even legally recognized in the adjudication of rights and duties in civil and criminal proceedings, are repugnant to modern conditions and ideas of justice and social solidarity, and should no longer be recognized by law or otherwise enforced; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Short title and extent.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1938.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Province of Madras.

Social disabilities not to be recognized by law.

2. Notwithstanding any law, custom, usage or prescription to the contrary, no Hindu shall, by reason merely of his belonging to any particular community or class known as Harijans, Untouchables, Depressed Class or the like, be prevented or disabled from being appointed to any public office or enjoying or having access to any public stream, river, well, tank, pathway, sanitary convenience, or means of transport or any secular institution which the general public belonging to all other classes and communities of Hindus have a right to enjoy or have access to or which is dedicated or maintained or licensed for the use of the general public or which is maintained or paid for out of the funds of the State or a local authority; and no Civil, Criminal or Revenue Court in adjudicating any matter or executing any order and no public or local authority in carrying on the affairs entrusted to such authority shall recognize any custom, usage or prescription under which it is sought to impose any civil disability on any person by reason of his belonging to any of the

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classes or communities aforesaid, or by reason of any acts or omissions on the part of such person which would not furnish grounds for such disability if he did not belong to such class or community.

Appendix XI.

[Vide item III (2) at page 56 supra].

L. A. BILL No. 18 OF 1938.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill further to amend the Madras Prohibition Act, 1937, for certain purposes.

Madras Act X of 1937.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Madras Prohibition Act, 1937, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Act, 1938.

Madras Act X of 1937.

Amendment of section 3, Madras Act X of 1937.

2. In section 3 of the Madras Prohibition Act, 1937 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act)—

(i) in clause (19), the word " and " at the end shall be omitted; and

(ii) after clause (20), the following shall be added, namely:—

"; and

(21) any references to a permit generally or to a permit granted under section 18, 19, or 20 shall be construed as including a reference to an ' Authority ' issued under section 16-A."

Insertion of new section 16-A in Madras Act X of 1937.

3. After section 16 of the said Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Authorities for *bona fide* religious purposes.

" 16-A. The Provincial Government shall make suitable provision for issuing ' Authorities ' to persons and institutions for the possession and use of such liquor as may be required by them for any *bona fide* religious purpose in